Busy Route of Telephones

434. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone users generally get "all lines in this route are busy" message during peak hours; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to solve this problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Sir, there are a number of operators both in Basic and Cellular Mobile Service having connectivity with other operators. Such route congestion announcement may come during peak hours depending on the availability and condition of the junction routes.

(b) Junction augmentation is a continuous process and based on traffic analysis, the junctions are augmented regularly in local and long distance network on different routes, by each operator to avoid congestion in busy routes.

New US law to hit Indian firms

435. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of some new US Law that may hit Indian software companies;

(b) if so, the details of the law passed by the US Congress in this regard which would hamper the Indian Software service companies and their development in the United States;